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NEWS RELEASES

**FCC SEEKS COMMENT ON ELIMINATION OF SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF LINES UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 - CC DOCKET NO. 97-11 (REPORT NO. CC 97-2, COMMON CARRIER ACTION). The Commission took another step in de-regulating the telecommunications marketplace and continued its implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act). In an NPRM released today, the Commission tentatively concludes that carriers should no longer be required to seek Section 214 approval from the Commission before expanding phone services to consumers within any new geographic area they are otherwise eligible to serve. Action by the Commission, January 9, 1997, by NPRM (FCC 97-6). News Media Contact: Jodie Buenning (202) 418-0500. CCB Contact: Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2334 or Richard R. Cameron at (202) 418-1529. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1997/nrcc7003.txt

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: January 13, 1997. TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION AND TCT WEST, INC. FILED A PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTIONS 36.611(A) AND 36.612 "UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND" OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES AAD 96-130. Comments due February 3; replies February 13. (DA No. 97-66).

Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1997/da970066.txt

Released: January 13, 1997. CABLE SERVICES ACTION - CABLE SERVICES BUREAU RESPONDS TO INQUIRY REGARDING THE CESSATION OF WWOR-TV DELIVERY AND THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE ANIMAL PLANET CHANNEL. (DA No. 97-62). Contact: Nancy Stevenson at (202) 418-7200. News Media Contact: Morgan Broman (202) 418-2358. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Public_Notices/1997/da970062.txt

Report No: 43907. Released: January 13, 1997. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac970113.txt

Report No: 23907. Released: January 13, 1997. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap970113.txt

Report No: 293. Released: January 13, 1997. EXPERIMENTAL ACTIONS. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/Public_Notices/1997/pnet6020.txt

Released: January 13, 1997. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG - JANUARY 10.

Released: January 13, 1997. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG - INFORMATIONAL TARIFFS- JANUARY 10.

Report No: CW-97-18. Released: January 13, 1997. PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE INFORMATION - BROADBAND - MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION. Contact: Irene Longin at (202) 418-1301. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1997/pnwl7008.txt

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****PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF LINES UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.** Proposed eliminating Section 214 application requirements for extensions of lines within any new geographic area that carriers are otherwise eligible to serve; proposed substantial streamlining of 214 application process for domestic, dominant, rate-of-return carriers, and for service discontinuance; comments due February 24; replies March 17. Dkt No.: CC- 97-11. Action by the Commission. Adopted: January 9, 1997. by NPRM. (FCC No. 97-6). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Notices/1997/fcc97006.txt

TCI CABLEVISION OF COLORADO, INC. Denied local franchising authority's complaint filed against TCI Cablevision of Colorado, Inc. concerning TCI's charges for cable programming service tier rate increase effective June 1, 1996, in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Action by Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: January 9, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-37). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da970037.txt>

ADDENDA: The following items, released January 10, 1997, did not appear in Digest No. 7:

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: January 10, 1997. ERRATUM TO PUBLIC NOTICE (DA 97-56) RELEASED JANUARY 9, 1997 ENTITLED "COMMISSION STAFF RELEASES ANALYSIS OF FORWARD-LOOKING ECONOMIC COST PROXY MODELS". Page 3, line 18 referencing CPD Docket No. 97-2 should reference instead the Division's Internal File Number CCB/CPD 97-2.

Released: January 10, 1997. PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON NECA'S 1997 PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE INTERSTATE AVERAGE SCHEDULE FORMULAS - AAD 97-2. Comments due February 12; replies February 27. (DA No. 97-32). Contact: George Williams or Abdel-Hamid Eqab at (202) 418-0830. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1997/da970032.txt

Released: January 10, 1997. GUIDELINES FOR UNIFORM FILINGS - REVISED JANUARY 10, 1997. Contact: Diane Murphy or Bill Caton at (202) 418-0300. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/1997/guidelin.html

Report No: CL-97-19. Released: January 10, 1997. TEXAS 18 - EDWARDS, RSA 669 A LICENSE WITHDRAWN FROM CELLULAR UNSERVED AREA AUCTION. (DA No. 97-64). Contact: Chris White or Michael Kleeb, Commercial Wireless Division, at (202) 418-0620; Thomas Horan, Auctions Division, at (202) 418-0660. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1997/da970064.txt

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****CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** Initiated Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry addressing the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.'s (NECA) request and the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service's recommendations to modify the size and composition of NECA's Board of Directors. NPRM: Comments due January 27; replies February 3. NOI: Comments due March 3; replies April 3. Dkt No.: CC- 97-21. Action by the Commission. Adopted: January 10, 1997. by NPRM & NOI. (FCC No. 97-11). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Notices/1997/fcc97011.txt

SECTION 61.41(C)(2) AND DEFINITION OF "STUDY AREA" CONTAINED IN PART 36 APPENDIX-GLOSSARY OF COMMISSION'S RULES. Granted, subject to conditions, Petitions for Waivers filed by Pend Oreille Telephone Company, Inc. and GTE Northwest, Inc. for waivers of Part 36, Appendix-Glossary, of the Commission's rules and of Section 61.41(c)(2) of the Commission's rules. Action by Chief, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau. Adopted: January 10, 1997. by MO&O. (DA No. 97-67). CCB

CALIFORNIA PAYPHONE ASSOCIATION PETITION FOR PREEMPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 576NS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 253 OF THE COMMUNICATION ACT, AS AMENDED. Granted, in part, motion for extension of time filed by the City of Huntington Park, California regarding the California Payphone Association's petition for preemption of Ordinance No. 576 NS, adopted June 17, 1996, by the City of Huntington Park. Comments now due January 27; replies February 4. Action by Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau. Adopted: January 10, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-70). CCB

ROXTON, TX. Proposed amending FM Table to allot Channel 257A to Roxton, Texas, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Comments due March 3; replies March 18. Dkt No.: MM- 96-264. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: December 27, 1996. by NPRM. (DA No. 96-2188). MMB

DICKSON AND KINGSTON SPRINGS, TN. Proposed amending FM Table to reallocate Channel 229A from Dickson to Kingston Springs, Tennessee, and the modifying the license of WYYB(FM) accordingly. Dkt No.: MM- 96-265. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: December 27, 1996. by NPRM. (DA No. 96-2187). MMB

ELY, HERMANTOWN & PINE CITY, MN AND SIREN, WI. Effective February 24, 1997, amended Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, to substitute Channel 221C3 for Channel 221A at Hermantown, Minnesota; Channel 233A for Channel 221A at Ely, Minnesota; Channel 265A for Channel 221A at Pine City, Minnesota; and allot Channel 289A to Siren, Wisconsin as that Community's first local aural transmission service; filing window for Channel 289A February 24-March 27; terminated proceeding. Dkt No.: 96-105. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: January 3, 1997. by R&O. (DA No. 97-10). MMB